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A copy of the listed foreign documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language document, Applicants submit the following remark.

1. **EP 0 714 954 A2** – This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,708,151.

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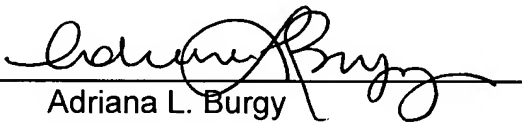
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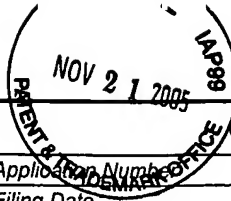
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